

INTERCOM NEWS BULLETIN AUGUST 2007

Paul and Andy congregate in the hallway....nattering as always

“Sun.....no way....it’s not like it’s summer or anything...I don’t believe it.”

“Quick Andy, let’s run outside and catch some rays before it goes in again”

Paul and Andy run to front door and suddenly see everyone staring back at them waiting for their news update....the anticipation visibly building on their faces and the bitter disappointment when they realise we weren’t going to deliver any news

Paul whispers to the side “I know, I come out with some rubbish on here sometimes...but bear with it...I do shut up occasionally” *Andy sniggers in background*

“I suppose we can wait a while for those rays and sacrifice our leisure time (can you hear the littlest violins in the world playing yet?!)”

Andy sighs and stomps back up the stairs to his office

I think this sunshine has made me a little too hyperactive for my own good....be glad you are not really in this building with us....although it is fun...hee hee!!! ☺

Yes...yes....i hear you....i will shut up now...on with the show and all that malarkey....woooooosh and there....i’m gone...hee hee!

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VICTIMS FUND—BREAKING NEWS, MONDAY 6 AUGUST

We are absolutely over the moon about the news that Intercom's recent funding bid to the Home Office has been SUCCESSFUL. We applied for a grant of £28,900 from the Victims of Crime Fund to help us and our partners in the LGB/T community sector to strengthen support services for people affected by phobic (homophobic / transphobic) crime. It's a short-term intensive project --- it will start in September 2007 and deliver results in March 2008. Watch our website during August! More details will follow.

INTERCOM JOB VACANCY—OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR

Following the success of our application to the Home Office, Intercom is delighted to announce we are seeking an Office Administrator to be based here in Exeter.

The job will be full-time for 6 months initially, and longer subject to further funding.

More details, including a job description and person specification can be found on our website www.intercomtrust.org.uk or through contacting us on 01392 201015. Please feel free to pass this information on to anyone you think might be interested.

HOMOPHOBIC ATTACK IN CORNWALL

Homophobic attack in Cornwall. We are dismayed to hear of a violent phobic attack two weeks ago on a man who was walking home from his workplace in central Cornwall. Alan (the victim) tells us the police have been fantastic, and they expect to have made an arrest by the time this bulletin goes out. We'll keep an eye on this, but the main thing at the moment is that we send our warmest sympathy and love to Alan and to his partner, and our best wishes for a full recovery.

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

Have you got a few spare hours and would like to put them to good use? We require volunteers to help out with the Rainbow Café and the helpline. Training will be given and expenses paid.

If your interested give us a call and speak to Tess the volunteer co-ordinator on 01392 678744.

YOUTH FOCUS GROUPS

As I mentioned in a previous bulletin...I know I do drone on about things sometimes...but all in a good cause ☺, we are conducting some youth focus groups across Devon to hear the views of young LGBT people who have grown up in Devon.

We have now finalised the dates for these and would welcome any young person to contact us if they would like to get involved:

Plymouth—Wednesday 29th August 18:30 – 20:00

Exeter—Friday 31st August 18:30 – 20:00

Torquay—Friday 7th September 18:30 – 20:00

We can also plan another one in North Devon (already conducted one) if there is demand for it on Wednesday 5th September.

Perrrrrrr-lease get in touch if you want to get involved, or pass on the information to anyone who you think might!!

Thanks ☺

paul@intercomtrust.org.uk or 01392 201012.

OTHER NEWS

BIG OUT NIGHT!

Saturday August 11.

LGBT 80's revival night with music by DJ Sammi and a prize for the best outfit.

Upstairs at the Globe Inn, Clifton Road, Exeter. 8 – midnight, £5.00 on the door.

Gay night at Green Room

Just to let everyone know that THE ESCAPE TEAM are taking a month off and are going to be launching a brand spanking new night at a new venue on Thursday 4th October - More details to follow soon!

WWW.ESCAPENIGHT.CO.UK

Memories of Older Lesbians and Gay Men

Age Concern Exeter is hosting a special screening of the play "Gateway to Heaven" by Clare Summerskill at 2pm on Saturday, 11th August, at its centre at 138 Cowick Street, St Thomas. This moving, powerful and often humorous play is based entirely on the memories of older lesbians and gay men. It gives a revealing insight into their experiences of living as a distinct minority in a world where the majority did not even recognise homosexuality. The screening is free and open to all. Martyn Rogers, Director of Age Concern Exeter, said "We are keen to get the views of older lesbians and gay men in Exeter to better inform our work. This is an opportunity to welcome as many people as possible to our centre to see this very moving and uplifting film, enjoy some tea and cake and think about how Age Concern Exeter could be more relevant and responsive to older lesbians and gay men in the city."

GROUP NEWS:

Don't forget that if your group wants to advertise anything then please just get in touch and I can chisel it into the next edition ☺.

X-PLORE

X-Plore youth group is currently recruiting for 2 assistant youth workers to help run the Exeter based LGBT youth group.

The jobs will consist of 180 hours over a year (works out to be around 3.5 hours a week, to be agreed when in post) and primarily used to help run the group on Thursday evenings 6:30-9pm. Some experience in youth work is desirable

If anyone would like more information about these positions, or would like to apply, then they should contact Paul on 07867 570944 or email trustees@x-plore.org.uk.

GATEWAYS

A new group for Devon is currently being proposed that will be a resource for rural Devon lesbians.

The aim is to create a group that can help break down the isolation that rural lesbians in Devon experience and might involve lunches, dinner parties, days out, exploring Devon, coffee mornings, BBQ's....etc, etc!

The idea is for those who are part of the group to shape what activities take place.

If there are any rural lesbians who would be interested in getting involved in such a group then they should contact gateways@hotmail.co.uk or contact 01392 201012.

LGCM DEVON

For anyone interested in the activities of the Lesbian and Gay Christian Movement, which is very active across Devon, you should go and visit their lovely website, www.lgbt.me.uk.

Devon LGCM is not a church but offers support and social events to anyone affected by Religious homophobia. Regular events are held across Devon.

Check out the website or telephone 07805 254996

PALS

PALS Walking Programme Jul-Sept 2007

Sunday 19 Aug – Uncle Abs House - leader Alison (Tel 07751 631833)
Start Point/Time: Car park at Shipley Bridge GR: SX 681 629. Meet at 1015 am for a prompt 1030 start.

Type of walk: Cross country, moorland, some rough ground.

Route: From Shipley Bridge down to the Bala brook. Ascending up the middle brook to Uncle Ab's house. Then to Knatta Barrow & Western White barrow. Across the "possibly wet" section of Petre's Pits, we then cross over the dam to join the Zeal Tor tramway to Western Whitebarrow. Traverse across to eastern Whitebarrow and descend towards Black tor and back to the car park. Possibly a drink at the The Royal Oak pub in South Brent.

Duration: approx 4 Hours Grade: 3

Sunday 16 Sep – Dawlish Warren – Frances - 07914 236154

Start Point/ Time: Stonelands Court/Cottages driveway (Visitors parking area), Stoneland's Bridge, Dawlish EX7 9BL (GR SX 768950) at 1015 am for a prompt 1030 start.

Type of walk: Varied tracks, lanes, woodland and open moorland.

Route: Via back lanes to the beach at Coryton Cove then along sea wall (depending on tides) to Dawlish Warren, around Warren stop here somewhere for lunch, back along path on cliffs, down to beach again then up through the Lawn at Dawlish to Stonelands.

Duration: approx 3 hours. Grade: 1

What to bring/wear on our walks: Good boots, full waterproof jacket and trousers, woolly hat, gloves, spare warm layers, food and drinks (plenty of water).

Grades of walks: 1 – more or less flat; 2 – some ups and downs, one or two steeper hills; 3 – some steep climbs, nothing we can't handle slowly; 4 – experienced walker only with correct equipment.

MID DEVON ACTIVITIES:

Some diary dates from www.number3.co.uk.

12th **MCC TORBAY CHURCH** (Church which welcomes Gay/Lesbian/Transgender) will hold a joint service with the Unitarian Church at 11am There will be a worship service in the evening at the normal time of 7pm and Mia will be preaching. Contact the Pastor on 01803 520713.

15th **TRIP TO PLYMOUTH** Please contact Brian for further information 01398 331686. We will be leaving Tiverton at 9am sharp so please be at the B&B by 8.45am. £5 to cover petrol costs.

Exeter Picturehouse is delighted to present a selection of the very best films from the BFI 21st Lesbian and Gay Film Festival. **THE BLOSSOMING OF MAXIMO OLIVEROS** - 6.45pm - Winner of the 2006 Teddy award at the Berlin Film Festival the film features twelve year old Maximo (Lopez), a happy young man with a penchant for dressing up and a confident sense of his own identity, who looks after his criminal father and two macho 'brothers'. However, when he befriends a young policeman, who turns out to be investigating his father, Maximo's solid world is shaken and the scene is set for a dramatic conflict of loyalties. Shot on the noisy streets of Sampaloc in Manila, Solito's superbly acted and directed debut feature offers a fascinating glimpse into another world and culture that has rarely been explored on screen. It's a heart-warming treat with a stand-out performance from its young lead actor.

25th **COFFEE MORNING AT NUMBER 3** - 10.30am onwards. These Coffee Mornings are really well attended please bring along a plate of food to share at the buffet. Your chance to relax and unwind, be yourself in the company of other men, and make new friends, perhaps even find that someone special. Small donation towards tea/coffee appreciated. Raffle with prizes, all donations towards events throughout the year.

28th **CAFFMOS BAR** - This is a gay/lesbian bar at TJ's Cellar Bar in Fore Street, Tiverton. 7.30pm onwards.

MCC TORBAY

Metropolitan Community Church of Torbay , a Christian Church formed within the LGBT community.

Meets Sundays 7pm at the Unitarian Church (Behind Debenhams) Montpellier Road Torquay.

Call (01803) 520713 for more details.

And wooosh....am back just as dramatically as I left 😊!! *cant decide whether to wear the blue cape or the red one though....tough decision...all depends on what shows I choose really *ponders* *

Told you all this sun has made me a little doo-lally!! 😊

I think now would be a good time for me to finish up and dash for those rays....i can hear the crashing of the waves on the beach already....hoooooray!

Ciao ciao for now

Paul

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